

Preliminary Purpose Need and Objectives

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires a “purpose and need statement.” The purpose and need is important for developing a project and selecting the improvements to the roadway.

PURPOSE:

To protect U.S. 20/26 as a regional transportation corridor between I-84 and Eagle Road.

NEED:

To provide a safe, high-volume roadway in a rapidly growing region.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Provide a minimum average speed of 45 miles per hour during peak period.**
- 2. Manage access to improve safety and function.**
- 3. Assess the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and transit users.**
- 4. Avoid or minimize impacts to state and federally protected resources (i.e. wetlands, historical resources, etc.).**